



# Where There is Water There is Life Water for a Dry and Thirsty Land

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## NEWSLETTER

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### I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains...

While in the United States you are no doubt preparing to enter spring after a harsh winter, we are hit in Haiti by an unprecedented drought.

More than before, every day, we receive community requests crying out for help. The population is in distress because the drought affects all surface water points. So the drilling of wells that Water For Life puts at the service of the communities is the only option that seems reliable for them.

Faced with so much distress, with a general situation that is not improving, we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. There are so many needs...

A thought comes to mind when walking through the courtyard of Water For life in Les Cayes. When you look up, to the north, as far as the eye can see there is the Macaya mountain range with its peak in the distance.

It makes us remember the Psalms of David (Psalms 121: 1-2)

*<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?*

*<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*



Although this mountain looks denuded from this vantage point, crossing to the other side of it one can experience its beauty. Pic Macaya is the second highest in Haiti. With its exceptional flora, it remains one of the only preserved places on the island and by its size, it reminds us of the magnificence of our God.

We believe it—the help for Haiti will come from the Lord, and you, dear donors, are the loving and benevolent workers of His action.

When people in distress knock on our door for water, we feel blessed to belong in this beautiful ministry that God has entrusted to us.

The map gives you a good idea of where this mountain is, in the midst of mountains that one needs to cross to get to the north side of this peninsula, where we have drilled many wells and repaired the pumps, and from where we still have many requests from other communities.

### Pic Macaya

#### Macaya Peak



Haiti

#### Highest point

<b>Elevation</b>	2,347 m (7,700 ft) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Prominence</b>	2,097 m (6,880 ft) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Listing</b>	North America prominent peak 86th North America isolated peaks 95th

### They Just Wanted to say "Thank You"

When we install a new pump in an area with a great need for water, we bring people together. We give them practical advice on using the well and we explain to them the reason for Water For Life. We let residents know that the well was made possible by a donation, and that for the person, family or organization giving, it is a way to witness that the love of Christ is greater than words and that it also translates concretely into this gesture full of compassion.

Then, we ask the population to agree to take a photo. It may seem strange to you, but sometimes the inhabitants flee; they are a little suspicious of the idea of being in a photo and sometimes we have to explain it well to succeed in convincing them.





This was not the case for the inhabitants of Dugastin. As soon as they saw us, the inhabitants of the area came running, some leaving the tasks they were doing.

They were happy and grateful. Everyone—children, young people, the elderly, mothers and fathers—happily gathered to be in the picture as their way to say a big “Thank you” and express their appreciation for such a precious gift.

### Heartbeats from the Field: Clovis Jourdain

Q. When did your story with Water For Life begin?

A. I joined Water For Life in 2020. Before that I worked in several organizations as a driver and mechanic. I was also a mechanic with the National Police of Haiti. During a visit to the Passe Bois d’ Ormes area, I discovered the ministry



of Water For Life. I inquired and applied for a position as a mechanic. After several interviews I was hired. Since then I am happy to work for Water For Life. I believe it was led by God.

My main mission is to repair vehicles and ensure that they are always functional. I want the teams to be able to go out on the field, even if I have to come earlier or finish later to make sure a vehicle can be operational the next day.

Q: How do you understand and appreciate the mission of Water For Life?

A: Water For Life assists the population through all the projects we do, drilling to improve access to drinking water, education through the Divine Help school and health with the Clinic Mobile program.

Q: How do you understand your participation in this mission?

A: I put everything I have at the service of this mission, that is to say my time, my skills, my contacts sometimes to find mechanical parts.

I always try to do my job with seriousness and discipline.

Q: What impact has this mission had in your life?

A: As I said before, I have worked for several organizations throughout my professional life, and with Water For Life it is the first time that I have been in an atmosphere of respect, fraternity and benevolence like this. Everyone works together. I am grateful for that.

### From Leon's Desk

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! Isn't it wonderful that Jesus is our Hope in this time of so much trouble in this world?! As children of God we can know by faith that our God has everything under His control. It's not like He is trying hard to figure out what to do next! So let's encourage one another to worship our Lord and King. Isaiah 40:28 (NIV) tells us,

*“Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary, and his  
understanding no one can fathom.”*

Skipping down to verse 31, we read,

*“but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.”*

That is why we can walk by faith and encourage others to keep trusting in the Lord.

I don't like to write about the troubles that continue to go on in Haiti. But it is still happening. Out where we are working, far from Port-au-Prince, it is possible for our teams to go out and serve the people. Praise the Lord, we recently were able to get some fuel; however, there are supplies that are running low. Prices of everything in Haiti are very high; it costs so much more to serve the people. Food, fuel; as fuel goes up, the price of hauling goes up too. It's a hard time for everyone. We are sending a container to Haiti; it will take some time to clear customs, but the real challenge is to get it safely out to our place. Please pray with us about that. For the last load of well casing to reach our place, it was loaded onto a ferry to get around a gang-controlled area, then off-loaded and continued the trip as usual.

Without those supplies, of course, we wouldn't be able to continue serving the people. But I know God loves them more than I do, and I trust that He will make a way even if there seems not to be a way. I praise the Lord that He is King of kings and Lord of lords, so I do not need to spend my time being anxious about things. Philippians 4:4 tells us not to be anxious, but in everything by prayer and petition to make our requests known to God, and then it promises us God's supernatural peace. He will do the rest.

While we do not hear any promises from the Haitian government that things will get better, we CAN thank the Lord for His death and resurrection—what today we call Easter! Thinking of His sacrifice on our behalf—while we were yet His enemies!—we realize anew how much we have to be deeply grateful for.

We THANK YOU for your prayers and gifts that express your love for the Haitian people. May God bless you!

~Leon

### — February 2023 Statistics —

Wells Drilled: 7  
Hand Pumps Installed: 3  
People Served: approximately 1,050  
Hand Pumps Repaired: 25  
People Served: approximately 8,750  
WFL School Meals Served: 1,137